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Dr. Reginalda Nakhumicha Wanyonyi was born on 30th March 1960 in Bungoma District, Western Kenya. She is the 2nd and last born child of Mr. James Lazarus Matere and Sophia Nasike. Her Sibling is Scholastica Nekesa Masika. Mzee Matere is married to two wives with a total of twelve children.

Dr. Reginalda Wanyonyi went to Lurende Primary School from 1968-1974 where she sat for the Certificate of Primary Education (CPE) which she passed very well. She then joined Chwele Girls high School for her Secondary School Education (KCSE) which she passed with a distinction (Division one). She was a prefect from form two to four. After 'O' Level, Dr. Wanyonyi proceeded to Lugulu Girls High School to pursue her Advanced Level Studies (KACE) in Economics, Literature and History. She got 3 principles in all the subjects and a subsidiary in General Paper. She was a school prefect in form five and six.

Dr. Wanyonyi proceeded to Kenyatta University College to study a degree in Education majoring in Economics and Business Studies. After graduating, she was employed as a graduate teacher at Lugulu Girls High School where she worked for 3 years. During that period, she was a KNEC examiner for 'A' Level Economics Paper I. It is during this period, of teaching in a high school that she came face to face with girls from poor families who could not attend school fees and therefore could not continue with their studies. This touched her.

In 1998, she moved to Moi University to work as an administrative officer. It is while at Moi University that she pursued a Masters Degree in Environmental Human Ecology. This was driven by her desire to want to understand the livelihoods of communities with greater interests on the poor in society. It led her to do research on the "Urban poor and

their living Environment, at master level, graduating in 1996. She pursued her Doctoral Studies at Moi University graduating in the year 2002. Dr. Wanyonyi is currently a lecturer at Moi University, School of Environmental Studies and Head of Department for the Department of Applied Environmental Social Sciences. Among the courses she enjoys teaching are: Environment and Development; Gender, Environment and Development; Community Organizations in Natural resource Management; and Population, Development and Environment.

Apart from serving on a number of University Committees, Dr. Wanyonyi serves on the University Public Service Integrity Committee; she is a trained Integrity Assurance Officer. She is registered with National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) as a lead expert in EIA and EA and she is also a member of the National Council of the Kenya National Environmental Impact Assessment.

Dr. Wanyonyi has participated greatly in Community Development in Western Kenya. She has helped the establishment of community based organizations, women/youth groups and mobilized churches to participate in community projects and income-generating activities. Through leading NGO's like Sacred Africa where she serves as a trustee small scale farmers have been helped to improve their lives through appropriate farming technologies and cereal marketing movements.

Through ICFEM Mission where she serves as a board member, alternative methods of initiation into adulthood for the boy child through the (hospital) have helped cut costs of initiation at household level and reduce health risks to the initiates. Her great desire is to see improved living standards for the people particularly for the less privileged in society and to see a smile on their face.

She serves as a Board member on various schools such as: Lugulu Girls High School, Cardinal Otunga Girls High School, Luuya High School, Maliki Secondary School, Milima Secondary School and St. Teresa's Secondary School.

Dr. Reginalda Wanyonyi is married to Mr. Francis M. Wanyonyi and God has blessed them with five children namely; James, Rebecca, Mercy, Paul and Daniel.

PERSONAL OVERALL MANIFESTO

I wish to declare my interest in the Kimilili Constituency parliamentary seat. I have decided to vie for this seat given my background knowledge in Economics, and Community Development. I have in born manifesto and policies which may be strengthened in line with the government policies. Using the same, I put myself in record for future replacement of the current Member of Parliament whose term of representation in parliament is ending this year (2007) at the date and time the president of the Republic of Kenya will officially declare the parliament dissolved. I will involve the participation of adult men and women, youths and marginalized population of persons with disabilities in development. And as an individual, I will be able to use vigorously the position mandated by the electorate to spearhead the development in the constituency which are beyond the people's resources such as infrastructure, Health institutions, Educational Institutions and income generation at household level for the people of Kimilili.

WHAT TO DO WHEN IN POWER

Policies

I have in my dream record to fulfill the policies that have been in me personally. My policies include the following:

(i) Improvement of Socio-Economic status among the people of Kimilili Constituency

If elected, I will establish and strengthen or and promote the participation of the community in resource mobilization and utilization. Such resources will include government revenues through Government expenditure on community projects in a transparent and accountable manner. I will also act as a catalyst to speed the community endowment funds to enable the community access owned resource for their own development.

(ii) EDUCATION BOTH FORMAL AND INFORMAL

My policy on education will be to encourage and promote government's policies on education in Kimilili Constituency. The involvement or participation of the community towards education be it formal or informal is important. Several committees will be formed to oversee and take such decisions which must be implemented in accordance with the wish of the community to promote formal and informal education among the people of Kimilili Constituency with special attention to youth and children. These will be strengthening of education institutions through provision of facilities.

(iii) Collaboration and networking

I will encourage and strengthen the people of Kimilili Constituency to collaborate and network with the stakeholders in the Constituency. Such stakeholders will include government officials and Institutions, Non Governmental Organizations based locally and internationally, researchers/professionals and even individuals working in the constituency for better development initiatives.

(iv) Employment opportunities

I will strictly encourage and promote self employment among the people of Kimilili Constituency given that organizations of CBOs, youth groups, women groups and NGOs will be established to undertake self help projects and IGPs. Apart from group basis, Entrepreneurship loans or revolving loan initiatives will be encouraged and be put in places for the purpose of funding initial investment capital for individual's Income Generating Activities (IGA'S). The constituency has a potential in agro based industries inputs which include maize and sunflower. Industries of Maize flour, edible oil and livestock feeds are lacking in the area. It is my ambition that at least these industries are put up in the constituency to provide employment, increase food availability and improve livestock production.

(v) Marketing opportunities

The area has had marketing opportunities for long, and it is my desire that I will if elected encourage the marketing sectors to provide such services and enlist their support. This will be better achieved through infrastructure of roads.

(vi) Women and Youth Empowerment

The two groups can be regarded as vulnerable groups due to their little participation in National Development. I will encourage and promote women and youths participation in development and decision making. The constituency wide women and youth capacity building programmes will be organized where the audience of women and youths will be emphasized. I will invite facilitators from all sectors of development and judiciary to create awareness among the women and youths in Kimilili Constituency. I will after training them, empower them economically to demonstrate their skills and knowledge dully gained during their capacity building programmes.

(vii) Joblessness among the people in the Constituency to be eradicated at all costs.

Under this policy, I will provide my committed participation both financially and materially and to an extend both available knowledge and skills and borrowed knowledge and skills to strengthen the participation of every person in the constituency through Community Based Organization (CBOs), women groups, self Help Groups and youth groups Income Generating Projects (IGPs) initiatives. Much emphasis will be on Agricultural and livestock farming.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Sell of my Policies

I have planned to sell my policies as follows:-

In mind I have seven policies. The seven policies include the following:-

- (i) Improvement of Socio-economic status
- (ii) Education promotion
- (iii) Collaboration and networking

- (iv) Employment opportunities creation
- (v) Marketing opportunities
- (vi) Women and youth empowerment
- (vii) Reduction of joblessness

In order to sell my policies on the above subject matters, I will employ means and methods which will include the following:-

- (a) Civic Education which will in cooperate mobilization and sensitization of Kimilili Constituency people through church human resources.
- (b) Church networks – I will organize pastors and other church leaders through capacity building workshops and seminars for the purpose of equipping them with adequate knowledge and skills to carry out my activities entrusted to them effectively as per the above policies.
- (c) I will encourage and participate fully with the Kimilili Constituency people in soliciting funds from government and external grants, have close links with donor communities to enable the Constituency to empower its community self help groups economically to initiate self help projects for both income generation and creation of employment.
- (d) I will encourage and promote the involvement of the Kimilili Constituency people to invest in sustainable agricultural practices through new farming technologies purposely to increase food crops production yields and milk supply for both consumption and incomes.
- (e) I will through negotiations, partnerships or collaboration with marketing institutions facilitate the marketing opportunities in Kimilili Constituency for the benefit of the people.
- (f) In order to have the people of Kimilili Constituency be informed of current news, resource data and other important information on all sectors of development, I will solicit funds to establish databases in the constituency's identified, easy communicable and centrally placed sites for people to access to such facilities. It will also contribute to employment reduction strategy.

PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE PEOPLE OF KIMILILI CONSTITUENCY

Despite the fact that the government has set aside funds to develop each constituency- Constituency Development Fund (CDF), the Kimilili Constituency still lacks behind in the following areas:

- (i) Electricity under rural Electrification Programme
- (ii) Road networks.
- (iii) Education facilities
- (iv) Health institutions/facilities
- (v) Has high poverty incidences
- (vi) Has high unemployment especially among the youths.